

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the ocean plays a vital role in providing recreational boating opportunities in our islands; and

WHEREAS, recreational boating in Hawai'i has become a favorite way to relax with family and friends and enjoy our ocean and inland waters; and

WHEREAS, numerous government agencies, private groups and community organizations promote safe boating practices and educate boat operators in ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, lives and property may be needlessly lost each year in boating accidents which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, in the Aloha State, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources, and U.S. Power Squadron hold safe boating courses, conduct search and rescue missions, examine boats for seaworthiness and take part in other activities to keep Hawaiian waters safe,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 20 through 26, 2006, as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to practice safe boating by having a vessel safety check, wearing life jackets, carrying a radio and obtaining safe boating education from the many resources available.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of May 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Ajora, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i